

ANSWER KEYI. READING COMPREHENSION

(8 marks)

**A. Vocabulary in context.**

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

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| 1. harmful / detrimental | 3. side / devastating |
| 2. look                  | 4. devastating        |

**B. Information transfer.**

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 5. cream / lotion | 7. acne / facial hair growth |
| 6. skin cancer    | 8. parts of Africa and Asia  |

**C. Justifications of True / False statements:**

(1 x 2 = 2 marks)

9. "There is no gender, age, **social status** to practice skin whitening."  
 10. "... it is more beautiful and men prefer women with lighter skin."

**D. Meaningful completion of passage from text:**

(1 x 1 = 1 mark)

11. ... own reason to use lightening products.

**E. Contextual reference:**

(0.5 x 2 = 1 mark)

12. People in richer countries.  
 13. Some Senegalese women.

II. LINGUISTIC AND COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE

(6 marks)

**F. Dialogue completion:**

(0.5 x 5 = 2.5 marks)

*(NB. Any other meaningful and correct answer is accepted)*

14. What's wrong with you? / What's the matter with you?/What can I do for you?  
 15. don't you?  
 16. How long have you been practicing skin lightening?  
 17. What products do you use?  
 18. any

**G. Word building:**

(0.5 x 3 = 1.5 marks)

19. please  
 20. unconscious  
 21. dangerous

**H. Linking sentences meaningfully with logical connectors:**

(0.5 x 4 = 2 marks)

22. Cosmetic companies advertise their products **because** they want to make big profits.  
 23. Skin whitening is gaining ground **despite** its negative impacts on women's health, identity and self-image.  
 24. The products are offered at very low prices. **As a result**, they are accessible to all users.  
 25. Authorities must vote strict laws **in order to** fight against skin whitening.

III. WRITING (6 marks)

Understanding: 2 marks

Coherence and cohesion: 1.5 marks

Language accuracy: 1.5 marks

Originality: 1 mark